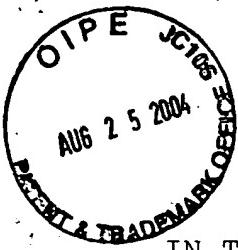


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APPARATUS HAVING FLAME-RETARDANT
SEAMLESS BELT

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Sir:

The application papers for the above-identified application were originally filed on January 2, 2004, and the application was assigned Appl. No. 10/749,519.

Attached is a substitute specification which complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52. The text of the substitute specification has not been changed; only the spacing has been changed. The substitute specification does not contain new matter. No fee is required.

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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